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1. REFS A AND C REPORT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN PRESENT STATUS AND WELFARE OF ZARKADAS AND HARALAMBOPOULOS, REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND DETAINED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES. THESE REFS ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRY INTO CASES AND REPORT OF RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR SUBSTANTIVE DEPARTMENT REPLY TO CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

2. REFS B AND D INDICATE DIFFICULTY IN EMBASSY ACQUIRING DETAILS IN CASES OF ZARKA DAS AND HARALAMBOPOULOS, AS WELL AS SIMILAR CASES SINCE EVENTS OF NOVEMBER 25. IN ORDER FOR DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE INTERIM REPLIES TO INQUIRIES RE POLITICAL PRISONERS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY GUIDANCE ON LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DETAILS OF ARREST, STATUS, HEALTH, ETC. OF GREEK DETAINEES.

3. SEN. TUNNEY HAS WRITTEN TO DEPARTMENT REQUESTING
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INFORMATION CONCERNING COSTAS XENARIOS, REPORTEDLY ARRESTED

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ON NOVEMBER 18 AND SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR "FORCE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND LEADER OF A GROUP OF PROTESTERS". ALLEGEDLY, XENARIOS DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL NOR TO MEDICAL CARE--HE REPORTEDLY HAS HISTORY OF HEART TROUBLE. PRIOR TO ARREST XENARIOS WAS REPORTEDLY "RESTORING ICONS". XENARIOS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH DOXIADES ALADEM ART SCHOOL IN ATHENS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO REPORT AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. KISSINGER

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